(c) During 1997-98 the capacity utilisation of IOC's Barauni, Guwahati, BRPL & Digboi Refineries was low because of lower indigenous crude availability from North Eastern Region. the capacity utilisation of HPCL Vizakh was also low because of major fire incidents in this refinery.

(d) The details of progress achieved by Public Sector on going project etc. are as per *Annexure-II*. [*See* Appendix 184 Annexure No. 30]

(e) The details of projects approved by Government during 1997-98, may be seen in Statement. (*See below*).

The following major project proposals of oil companies are at different stages of processing/approvals:—

(1) IOC proposal for setting up 9 MMTPA JV Refinery in Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 8074 crores including Rs. 2396 crores as F.E. component.

(2) Proposal of CRL for setting up of a Power Plant at Ambalmugal at an estimated cost of Rs. 2460 crores including F.E. component of Rs. 984 crores.

(3) Proposal for HPCL for setting up JV Refinery at Panjab alongwith Power Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 9644 crores including F.E. component of Rs. 3371.20 crores.

Statement

Major Refinery Projects approved by Govt. during 1997-98

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Refinery	Total
1.	DHDS project, Koyali Refinery	637
2.	DHDS project, Haldia Refinery	705.92
3.	DHDS project, Mathura Refinery	368.96
4.	DHDS project, Panipat Refinery	363.13
5.	DHDS project, BPCL, Mumbai	700.18
6.	DHDS project, Visakh, HPCL	956.82
7.	DHDS project, Mumbai, HPCL	913.78
8.	DHDS project, CRL	973.37
9.	DHDS project, MRL	915.22

Indo-Oman Gas Pipeline Project

997. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Indo-Oman gas pipeline project passing through Pakistan;

(b) what are the redeeming features of the project;

(c) whether the project has witnessed cost escalation due to delay in finalisation; and

(d) the details regarding revised cost and proposed schedule of implementation of the joint venture and economic implications of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The technical feasibility studies of the Indo-Oman sub-sea pipeline project have not been completed. Adequate gas reserves in Oman are also to be established by the Oman Oil company.

(b) Implementation of this project would lead to the supply of 56 million cubic meters of gas per day to India.

(c) and (d) Does not arise as the technical feasibility studies have not been completed.